

Evening Prayer Advent Sunday, 30 November 2025

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

HYMN

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalms 9.1-8 [9-end]

All: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart; ♦
I will tell of all your marvellous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; ♦
I will make music to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies are driven back, ♦
they stumble and perish at your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; ♦
you sat on your throne giving righteous judgement.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; ♦
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 The enemy was utterly laid waste. ♦
You uprooted their cities; their very memory has perished.
- 7 But the Lord shall endure for ever; ♦
he has made fast his throne for judgement.
- 8 For he shall rule the world with righteousness ♦
and govern the peoples with equity.
- 9 Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, ♦
a refuge in the time of trouble.
- 10 And those who know your name will put their trust in you, ♦
for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.
- 11 Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; ♦
declare among the peoples the things he has done.
- 12 The avenger of blood has remembered them; ♦
he did not forget the cry of the oppressed.

- 13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; ♦
 consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,
 you that lift me up from the gates of death;
- 14 That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion ♦
 and rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 The nations shall sink into the pit of their making ♦
 and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.
- 16 The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; ♦
 the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands.
- 17 They shall return to the land of darkness, ♦
 all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten ♦
 and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; ♦
 let the nations be judged before your face.
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord, ♦
 that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

Canticle

Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord, 'and bringing my reward with me, ♦
 to give to everyone according to their deeds.
- 2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, ♦
 the beginning and the end.'
- 3 Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, ♦
 and may enter into the city through the gates.
- 4 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, ♦
 with this testimony for all the churches.
- 5 'I am the root and the offspring of David, ♦
 I am the bright morning star.'
- 6 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride; ♦
 'Come!' let each hearer reply.
- 7 Come forward, you who are thirsty, ♦
 let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52.1-12

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for the uncircumcised and the unclean shall enter you no more. Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter Zion!

For thus says the LORD: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money. For thus says the Lord GOD: Long ago, my people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what am I doing here, says the LORD, seeing that my people are taken away without cause? Their rulers howl, says the LORD, and continually, all day long, my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore on that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns. 'Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to us in great humility;
that, on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.